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Subject: RE: Diego Garcia Rendition Story in Independent

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B1, 1.4(B), 1.4(D), B5

Do the report straight without referring to request for guidance. Let Vijay know it's coming and ask him to brief John B.

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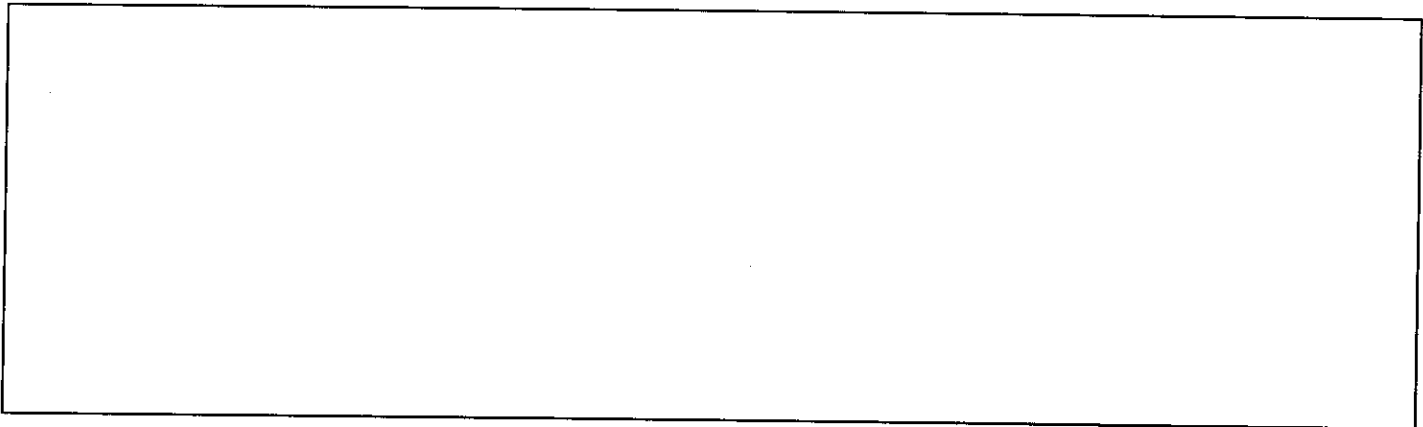
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Classified by Richard Mills, Political Counselor for Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

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Richard:

The Independent is running a story today (sent to you on the unclass side) reporting that the HGM has denied a Commons committee's FOIA request for materials on Diego Garcia and the rendition issue.

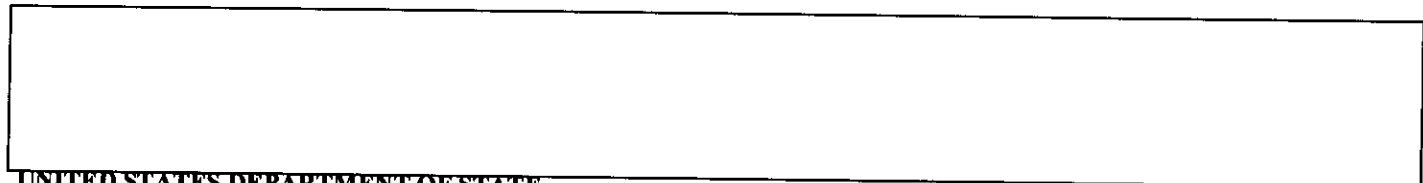


B1

Following this, we sent a message to Vijay in L [redacted] asked for a status report on any guidance on the issue of renditions. No answer yet.

B1

According to the Independent article, the FCO has gone ahead and denied the FOIA request for now on the basis that release would "prejudice the defense of the territory by exposing plans to counter possible terrorist attacks" and "could damage diplomatic relations between Britain and America."



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